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Inventor(s): ACRES, GINSBURG, WIEBENSON

Serial No.: 08/465,717

Examiner: J. Schaaf

Filing Date: June 6, 1995

Group Art Unit: 3304

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING NETWORKED GAMING
DEVICES

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Respectfully submitted,

By



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Atty. Docket No.: 4164-6
Applicant: Acres Gaming Inc.


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CERTIFICATION OF FILING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(37 CFR 1.97(e))

I, Alan T. McCollom, the person signing below certify that:

- ☐ that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication for a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.
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Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the accompanying information disclosure statement.

The persons making this certification is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information in the attorney's file.

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Inventor(s): Acres

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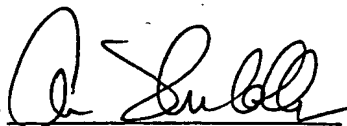
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Serial No.: 08/922,046

Examiner: J. Schaaf

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Title: COMPUTER NETWORK FOR CONTROLLING AND MONITORING GAMING DEVICES

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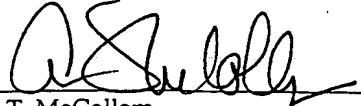
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The following documents were generated in a patent infringement civil action pending in the US District Court for the District of Nevada, *Mikohn Gaming Corporation v. Acres Gaming, Inc.*; *Acres Gaming, Inc. v. Mikohn Gaming Corporation, New York, New York Hotel & Casino, LLC, Casino Data Systems, and Sunset Station Hotel and Casino*, CV-S-97-1383 ("the civil action") and are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56:

Volume IA

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- (a) Casino Data Systems and Sunset Station Hotel & Casino's ("CDS") Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent No. 5,752,882;
 - (b) CDS' Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent No. 5,752,882 [Filed *In Camera* – Subject to Protective Order];
 - (c) CDS' Supplemental Brief Regarding CDS' First Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity;
 - (d) CDS' Reply Memorandum in Support of CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent 5,752,882;

Volume IB

- (e) Casino Data Systems and Sunset Station Hotel & Casino's Evidence in Support of CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity and Opposition to Acres' Motion for Preliminary Injunction ("CDS Exhibits") [Filed *In Camera* – Subject to Protective Order];

Volume II

- (f) Acres' Response to the Proposed Findings of Fact of Casino Data Systems Regarding CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity;
- (g) Acres Gaming, Inc.'s Opposition to Casino Data Systems' and Sunset Station Hotel and Casino's Motion for Summary Judgment;
- (h) Acres Gaming, Inc.'s Supplement to its Opposition to Casino Data Systems' and Sunset Station Hotel and Casino's Motion for Summary Judgment;
- (i) Acres Gaming, Inc.'s Second Supplement to its Opposition to Casino Data Systems' and Sunset Station Hotel and Casino's Motion for Summary Judgment;
- (j) Acres Gaming, Inc.'s Third Supplement to its Opposition to Casino Data Systems' and Sunset Station Hotel and Casino's Motion for Summary Judgment;

Volume III

- (k) Expert Report of W. Alan Jorgensen Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2);
- (l) Expert Report of Samuel Wolff Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2);
- (m) Transcript of Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent No. 5,752,882 Before the Honorable Howard D. McKibben on January 19, 1999;

Volume IVA

- (n) Deposition of Disclosure, Inc. and Exhibits; and

Volume IVB

- (o) Additional Exhibits to deposition of Disclosure, Inc.

Acres Gaming, Inc. ("Acres"), the patentee in the civil action, is the assignee of the present application. In the list above, items in Volumes IA and IB are documents that were filed in support of a summary judgment motion by Casino Data Systems ("CDS"), the accused infringer in the civil action. The CDS motion contends that US Patent No. 5,752,882 ("the '882 patent") is invalid in view of a publication, namely Acres Gaming Incorporated Form SB-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 20, 1993 ("Form SB-2"), which is the only reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Items in Volume II were filed by Acres in opposition to the CDS motion. Item (m) in Volume III is the transcript of the hearing on the CDS motion in which Judge Howard D. McKibben, the US District Court judge in the civil action, denied the CDS motion in a ruling from the bench. Items (k) and (l) in Volume III are the reports of experts retained by CDS, and Volumes IVA and IVB are a deposition, and accompanying exhibits, taken by CDS—all of which were generated in the civil action after denial of the CDS motion and in further support of CDS's position that Form SB-2 was published prior to the critical date for the '882 patent, namely October 12, 1993.

Because of a protective order entered in the civil action, Exhibits B, K, Y, and AA to item (e), Volume IB, are omitted as is Casino Data Systems and Sunset Station Hotel & Casino's Proposed Findings of Fact in Support of Casino Data Systems' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent No. 5,752,882 [Filed *In Camera* – Subject to Protective Order]. In addition, item (b), Volume IA, is redacted in the same manner as it was published by CDS on the following web page: http://www.csds.com/PressRelease/LegalPres/Acres_dismissal.htm.

The present application and the '882 patent claim priority from the same grandparent application, namely Serial No. 322,172, filed October 12, 1994, now US Patent No. 5,655,961, and all of the applications share the same disclosure. The present application and the '882 patent therefore have the same October 12, 1993 critical date for the purpose of determining prior art.

Until now, Acres has not disclosed Form SB-2 in any of its pending applications in view of its belief that Form SB-2 was not published prior to the critical date and that even if it was, it did not affect patentability of any of the claims in its pending applications. Acres' belief is well supported in its enclosed opposition papers, particularly Volume II, item (g), pp. 12-16, and item (j). And Acres to this day believes that Form SB-2 was not published before the critical date in the '882 patent and that even if it was it would not affect patentability of the claims.

Acres' decision to make this disclosure even after denial of CDS's summary judgement motion is prompted in view of CDS's continued recent efforts--i.e., expert reports, Volume III items (k) and (l), received by Acres' attorneys on February 17, 1990, and the deposition of Disclosure, Inc., Volumes IVA and IVB; taken on February 25, 1999--to prove that Form SB-2 was published before the critical date.

Form SB-2 is attached as Exhibit T to item (e), in Volume IB. CDS's view of its relevance is set forth on pages 10-11 of item (b), in Volume IA. But even if Form SB-2 is considered to have been published before the critical date, it still does not affect patentability of any of the issued or pending Acres' claims, including those in the present application. As set forth in the Acres opposition papers--particularly Volume II, item (g), pp. 12-16, and item (j)--Form SB-2 does not disclose the invention nor does it enable a person with ordinary skill in the art to make and use it.

Applicant requests that the Examiner review the information submitted with this document and issue a notice of allowability.

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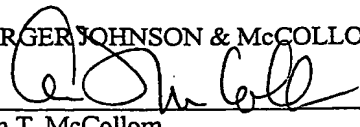
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It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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The following are additional documents that have been filed in the civil action described in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application on April 2, 1999, and are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56:


Volume V

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- CDS' THIRD MOTION AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,752,882 (ON-SALE BAR)
 - EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF CDS' THIRD MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,752,882 (ON-SALE BAR)
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Volume VI

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- ACRES GAMING'S OPPOSITION TO CDS'S THIRD MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,752,882 (ON-SALE BAR)

Volume VII

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- DEPOSITION OF JOSE VEGA DATED JANUARY 25, 1999 WITH EXHIBIT NOS. 191, 193, 194, 195, 197, 198

In a May 24, 1999 telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned, consideration of the information submitted in the April 2 IDS was discussed. Because a notice of allowance issued in this application on March 29, 1999, applicant agreed to file a Continued Prosecution Application, which is submitted with this document. As discussed, this would permit the Examiner to consider both the information in the April 2 IDS ("the first motion papers") and documents from the civil action relating to a second 102(b) motion filed by CDS ("the second motion papers"). Some of these second motion papers are contained in the accompanying Volumes V and VI, but CDS has not yet filed a reply to Acres' opposition (Volume VI) because the court hearing the civil action has suspended briefing on the second 102(b) motion. The suspension was in response to a request by CDS to permit it to submit additional material and arguments in yet another 102(b) summary judgment motion. Because it is unclear when—or even if—CDS will file a reply in the second 102(b) motion, applicant decided to submit this IDS disclosing the second motion papers without further delay.

The second motion papers largely rehash the issues dealt with in the first motion papers. Many of the exhibits in the second motion papers are contained in the first motion papers: Exhibits H, I, J, L, O, P, Q, R, S, T, Y, and AA in the second motion papers are all included in Volume IB submitted with the April 2 IDS. The new exhibits in the second motion papers relate to the same issues, as can be seen by reviewing CDS's briefs from both the first and second motion papers. Moreover, many of the exhibits from the second motion papers could have been presented when the first motion was filed, but were not.

Exhibit K from the EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MEMORANDUM, etc. (in the accompanying Volume V) and Exhibit I from ACRES GAMING'S OPPOSITION, etc. (in the accompanying Volume VI) are not included to comply with a protective order entered in the civil action. In addition, a portion of page 22 in ACRES GAMING'S OPPOSITION, etc. quotes from Exhibit I and is therefore redacted to comply with the protective order.


Volume VII is the January 25, 1999 transcript of the deposition of Jose Vega and the exhibits thereto as noted on the attached Form 1449. If the Examiner would like to see additional exhibits, applicant will provide them. Please address any questions or requests to the undersigned attorney for applicant.

Finally, applicant would like to supplement a statement made in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application (serial no. 08/922,046) on December 23, 1999. On page 1 of the attachment to the IDS, applicant stated that: "the items on page 1 and 2 were previously submitted and reviewed by Examiner Schaff in U.S. Patent Application Serial No.

08/465,717, filed on June 6, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,836,817." Applicant has since discovered that the IDS with which the items were submitted in the '717 application on June 19, 1998, and again on July 20, 1998, was apparently not associated with the file in the US Patent and Trademark Office. These items consequently do not appear to have been reviewed by the Examiner in the application issuing as the '817 patent.

Applicant requests the that the Examiner review the information submitted with this document and issue a notice of allowability.

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☐ Applicant hereby petitions for the consideration of the accompanying information disclosure statement (37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(ii).

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Application No.: CPA of 08/922,046

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For: **COMPUTER NETWORK FOR CONTROLLING AND MONITORING
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Status Inquiry

More than 4 months have passed since the filing of this Request for Continuing Prosecution Application on June 24, 1999. No communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application, by checking the appropriate box below. A stamped return-addressed envelope is provided.

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STATUS INQUIRY REPLY

Application Serial No. 08/922,046 is currently

☒ Assigned to Group 3713 and awaits:

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Volume VIII

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- CDS MOTION AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF US PATENT NO. 5,752,882 (ON-SALE BAR) [FILED *UNDER SEAL* -- SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER];
 - PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF CDS' THIRD MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,752,882 (ON-SALE BAR) [FILED *UNDER SEAL* -- SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER]; AND
 - EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MOTION AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,752,882 (ON-SALE BAR), WITH AFFIDAVIT OF GREGORY C. SCHODDE [FILED *UNDER SEAL* -- SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER].

Volumes IA through IVB were submitted in an IDS in the prior application on April 2, 1999, and relate to a first motion for summary judgment based on prior publications and on sale bar under Section 102. The court denied this motion in a ruling from the bench during the hearing, Volume III, item (m).

Volumes V through VII were submitted with the Request for Continuing Prosecution Application on June 24, 1999. Volumes V through VII relate to a second motion for summary judgment, again asserting invalidity resulting from on sale activities before the critical date. This motion largely rehashes the evidence presented in the first motion.

Volume VIII is submitted with this IDS. Volume VIII was received by the undersigned on August 9, 1999. It is a resubmission of the motion contained in Volumes V through VII.

The summary judgment motions and related papers in Volumes IA through VIII reflect only two of nine summary judgement motions filed to date by CDS. The court has

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(c) Casino Data Systems

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Volume IA

- (a) Casino Data Systems and Sunset Station Hotel & Casino's ("CDS") Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent No. 5,752,882;
- (b) CDS' Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent No. 5,752,882 [Filed *In Camera* - Subject to Protective Order];
- (c) CDS' Supplemental Brief Regarding CDS' First Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity;
- (d) CDS' Reply Memorandum in Support of CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity of U.S. Patent 5,752,882;

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Volume IB

- (e) Casino Data Systems and Sunset Station Hotel & Casino's Evidence in Support of CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity and Opposition to Acres' Motion for Preliminary Injunction ("CDS Exhibits") [Filed *In Camera* – Subject to Protective Order];

Volume II

- (f) Acres' Response to the Proposed Findings of Fact of Casino Data Systems Regarding CDS' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity;
- (g) Acres Gaming, Inc.'s Opposition to Casino Data Systems' and Sunset Station Hotel and Casino's Motion for Summary Judgment;
- (h) Acres Gaming, Inc.'s Supplement to its Opposition to Casino Data Systems' and Sunset Station Hotel and Casino's Motion for Summary Judgment;
- (i) Acres Gaming, Inc.'s Second Supplement to its Opposition to Casino Data Systems' and Sunset Station Hotel and Casino's Motion for Summary Judgment;
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Volume III

- (k) Expert Report of W. Alan Jorgensen Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2);
- (l) Expert Report of Samuel Wolff Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2);
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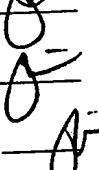
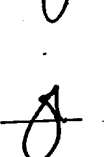

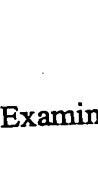
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Volume IVB

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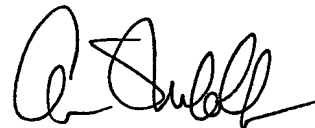
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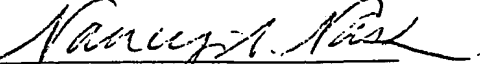
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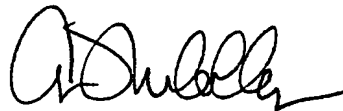
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